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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SEKOU TOURE AFTER PRESENTATION OF
CREDENTIALS

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1. SUMMARY: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS DECEMBER 9 WENT
SMOOTHLY IN FRIENDLY, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE. PRESIDENT TOURE
EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE U.S.
AND HIS DESIRE TO BENEFIT FROM ACCUMULATED U.S. KNOWLEDGE
AND EXPERIENCE. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT
POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BEAVOGUI'S VISIT HAD MADE IN U.S.-
GUINEAN RELATIONS, AND TOURE UNDERSCORED IMPORTANCE OF
U.S. BAUXITE FIRMS FOR GUINEAN ECONOMY. TOURE SOUGHT TO
LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT HIS INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CLOSE,
COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS FOLLOWED STANDARD GUINEAN
FORMAT, WITH RAISING OF U.S. FLAG IN PALACE COURTYARD,
INSPECTION OF SECURITY GUARD, MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
AND FOUR OR FIVE GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IN PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE, ENTRY OF PRESIDENT AND INTRODUCTIONS, DELIVERY
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OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS, SUBMISSION OF LETTERS OF
ACCREDITATION AND RECALL, AND BRIEF CONVERSATION ASIDE
WITH PRESIDENT.

3. ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY AND RELAXED THROUGHOUT.
PRESIDENT TOURE GREETED ME WARMLY, LISTENED CAREFULLY

TO MY REMARKS AND OPENED PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH APPRECIATION OF IMPORTANCE OF U.S. IN THE WORLD SCENE AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS. HE WELCOMED MY REMARKS THAT DIFFERENCES IN OUR POLITICAL/ECONOMIC SYSTEMS REPRESENT NO BAR TO GOOD RELATIONS AND OBSERVED THAT WHILE APPROACHES DIFFER, GOALS ARE THE SAME. DIFFERENCE OF APPROACH IS A FACTOR OF STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT; BOTH COUNTRIES STARTED FROM FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL POWERS, SUFFERED POVERTY, AND U.S. HAS GONE ON TO MAKE TREMENDOUS, STRIKING PROGRESS. THERE IS MUCH OF U.S. ACCUMULATED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE FROM WHICH GUINEA COULD BENEFIT, AND TOURE WANTS TO MAXIMIZE THIS.

4. I EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE POSITIVE DIRECTION OF DEVELOPMENT AN U.S.-GUINEAN RELATIONS, TO WHICH JUNE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI MADE A PARTICULARLY CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION, AND SAID I WAS GLAD U.S. COMPANIES ARE MAKING POSITIVE INPUT IN BAUXITE MINING. PRESIDENT TOURE RESPONDED WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS THAT PERFORMANCE OF U.S. BAUXITE FIRMS IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO GUINEA AND IS MOST HIGHLY VALUED. I SAID I WAS PLEASED MY FIRST OFFICIAL ACT WOULD BE TO SIGN PL-480 AGREEMENT THE FOLLOWING MORNING. TOURE WELCOMED THIS, AND I TOOK OCCASION TO THANK HIM FOR WARM WELCOME THAT HAD BEEN EXTENDED USS DAVIS DURING SUCCESSFUL VISIT IN NOVEMBER.

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5. I THEN ALLUDED TO TOURE'S VISIT TO THE U.S. HE WARMED NOTICEABLY AT RECOLLECTION OF THIS VISIT AND VOLUNTEERED THE OBSERVATION THAT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS A MAN OF IMAGINATION, IDEALS, AND CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF THE COMMON MAN. I SAID I BELIEVED PRESIDENT CARTER HAS THE SAME QUALITIES, CITING HIS HIGH IDEALS AND HIS INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER. TOURE NODDED AND EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THIS.

6. CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO MY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN WEST AFRICA AND INTEREST IN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT GUINEA. AFTER AN ANIMATED ASIDE WITH A COUPLE OF THE MINISTERS IN MALINKE LANGUAGE, TOURE INVITED ME TO JOIN HIM DECEMBER 11 ON A TRIP UP-COUNTRY TO KANKAN AND MANDIANA FOR DEDICATION OF BUILDINGS IN THE NEW MANDIANA ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT. I ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.

7. COMMENT: AT THIS FIRST MEETING PRESIDENT TOURE WAS RATHER SOLEMN IN MANNER MOST OF THE TIME, FOLLOWED CLOSELY WHAT I HAD TO SAY, NODDING FREQUENTLY IN AGREEMENT. HE CLEARLY WISHED TO LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT

HIS INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CLOSE, POSITIVE RELATIONS
WITH THE U.S. THIS WAS RE-EMPHASIZED ON DECEMBER 11
TRIP UP-COUNTRY, DURING WHICH TOURE ACCORDED MY WIFE
AND ME THE PLACE OF HONOR AT HIS SIDE AND MADE EVERY
EFFORT TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE.
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